

# **Daniel Roberts correspondence S1123**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Daniel Roberts correspondence
<b>Date</b>	1861-1864; 1871
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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1123

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## Biographical Note

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Daniel Roberts was born October 14, 1839. In 1860, he was living with the family of Clark and Margaret Haynes in Fall Creek, Madison County, Indiana. The post office was at Pendleton. He served first in Company K, 8th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and in 1864 was in Company P, 69th Indiana Volunteer Regiment. He married Sarah J., who went by Sally. She was ten years younger than Dan. Based on Sally and Dan's joint letter, written September 14, 1871, they had children named Jennie, Lulie, and Charlie, and an old aunt named Jane Jones. Daniel died January 24, 1897, and is buried in Mendon Cemetery, Pendleton, Indiana. His tombstone has: Daniel, Co. K, 8th Ind. Vol. Inf.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes eighteen letters and one fragment of a letter, written in ink to "Mother and Sister" by Daniel Roberts during his time as a Civil War soldier, with the exception of the last letter, written in 1871 by both Dan and his wife Sally (Sarah). Daniel served first in Company K, 8th Indiana Volunteer Regiment, and then in March 1863, he told his mother and sister to write to him in Company P, 69th Indiana Volunteer Regiment.

On July 6, 1863, Daniel wrote from Vicksburg, Mississippi: "As we have got things straightend up here a little at the burg, I thought I would write you a few more lines in connection with what I wrote on the 4th. I have not yet heard Grant's report as to the number of prisoners taken, but it is not less than 40 or 50,000 and arms and aummunition in any quantity. They had a large foundry which they kept busy at work all the time, beside an arsenal full of new arms of English manufacture, which had never been used. ... It is a sight worth seeing to just go through town to see how things are torn up."

On September 9, 1863, Daniel's letter was written from Camp Bayou, Beuff, Louisiana. He wrote: "We are just 7 miles from Brashear City. It is on Berwick Bay, and I expect we will go there day after tomorrow as our Division head quarters are there. We would of went on there on the train, but the bridge over the bayou is not fit for a loaded train to cross; as it has been burned down 3 times, so we will march through. There is several squads of rebels in this country, which has played thunder with the New York boys at this place and several others, but they are kind of shy now."

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Louisiana
- Mississippi

### Personal Name(s)

- Roberts, Daniel

**Subject(s)**

- Civil war
- Correspondence
- Military